SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY : I wonder what the aim of this is in these jobless days. Are the Government preparing a job-chart showing the jobs available?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I will answer that when we take up the next question.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it not a fact, Sir, that this experiment was tried on men and was found unsuccessful and that, therefore, the Government resorted to another policy of educating only people below 18 years or so under the adult education scheme? Now, what is the purpose of this scheme in regard to women?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : No. It is true that after a campaign of adult literacy, we found that the people relapsed into illiteracy because of lack of follow-up systems. But it is not true to say that the Government have given up the endeavour to spread adult literacy.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Sir, there is too much of women's welfare activities in the State and could not our Government stop further women's welfare activities and start men's welfare activities in the State? (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Opinion differs on this question and, as a matter of fact, there is a feeling that there is not much of women's welfare activity in the State.

Publications of newspapers useful to adult literates

* 6 *Q.*—SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether newspapers useful to the adult literates in the "Job-Charts" of the Social Education Organizers are published by the Government;

(*b*) if so, the number of such newspapers, whether daily or weekly; and

(*c*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI **R. VENKATARAMAN** (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (*a*) & (*b*) No newspapers are published by Government. But a monthly magazine "Grama Nalam" which contains information relating to the Development activities in the various areas and also useful articles of general interest is being published by the Government.

(*c*) There are a number of newspapers in Tamil and English and, therefore, there seems to be no need for the Government to publish any such newspapers.

SRI G. **KRISHNAMOORTHY** : இந்த கிராம நல பத்திரிகை ஏழை ஜனங்களுக்குக் கிடைப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் என்ன வழி செய்திருக்கிறார்கள் ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : ஒவ்வொரு சோஷியல் வெல்பேர் செண்டரிலும் இந்தப் பத்திரிகை உபயோகப்படுத்தப்படுகிறது. ஆங்காங்கு அவைகளைக் கவனித்துக்கொள்வதற்கு உபாத்தியாயர்கள் நியமிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள்.

Time-limit for confirmation of teachers in aided elementary institutions

* 7 *Q*.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the time-limit within which teachers in aided elementary institutions are to be confirmed; and

(*b*) whether broken periods of service under the same management are taken into account in computing such time-limit?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Three years.

(*b*) No, Sir.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are the Government aware that in view of the fact that there is this time-limit of 3 years, the managements take advantage of this, that a large number of teachers are sent out during vacation, that their services are terminated in April tself and that they are re-entertained on the re-opening of the schools without allowing them any increments and without allowing them any privileges of previous service?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It is under the consideration of the Government how to rectify that.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Government kindly instruct the Inspecting Officers to see that where such teachers are re-entertained with a break, such breaks do not stand in the way of their getting their vacation salary or enjoying other privileges like increments, etc.?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not know whether it will be possible to pay them the vacation salary. But once they are made permanent, then their services would be continuous without any break. The question is that the break also should be taken into consideration in confirming them there. The matter is engaging the attention of the Government. It is the intention that they should be treated in the same way as men in Government service and that breaks should not stand in the way, provided they have completed three years' service before the break.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know whether their previous service would be considered for the purpose of increment and leave salary, though not for purposes of pension and other benefits?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Here the question is that before they are made permanent, if the service is broken in-between then it is taken as a fresh appointment.